

REMARKS

In the last Action, restriction was required among claims 1-11 and 25-30, drawn to a method of producing a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery and mounting of the non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery onto a circuit substrate; claim 12-24, drawn to a sealant of rubber-based adhesive with asphalt; and claims 31 and 32, drawn to a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery. The Examiner stated that the three inventions are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicants were required to elect one of the three inventions for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants have provisionally elected the invention of Group I drawn to a method of producing a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery and mounting of the non-aqueous electrolyte secondary battery onto a circuit substrate, and submit that claims 1-11 and 25-30 are readable on the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or applicants' decision to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

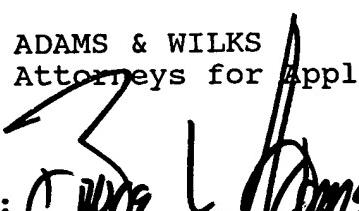


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In light of the foregoing, early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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